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1. A conference of delegates representing Bulgarian emigrants in Yugoslavia was held in Nis on 13-14 August 1951. Approximately 85 per cent of the delegates were members of the Bulgarian Agrarian Party while the other 15 per cent included non-political, Communist or right-wing Bulgarians.
2. Mara Mezdurechka, a Bulgarian in the employ of the Yugoslav Government, attended the conference as a delegate from Skoplje but was forced to leave when the delegates protested that she had been removed from her position as president of the Emigrant Committee in Macedonia in July 1951.¹
3. The chief topic of discussion centered about the desire expressed by the majority that the Bulgarian Emigrant Society be represented with the Western Powers so that a liberation movement could be coordinated. The delegates also recommended that an invitation be sent to the Western Powers or the United Nations requesting that a representative be sent to Yugoslavia to act as liaison officer.
4. The Yugoslav authorities at the conference stated that they had nothing against the proposal, since it represented the express desire of the majority, and they expressed the hope that the problem would be resolved satisfactorily in the near future.

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1. Comment: Your attention is called to for further information on the Bulgarian Emigrant Committee.

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